



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Editor's Note: The Gaithersburg Police Department has ordered that NO MEDIA VEHICLES will be allowed up to the parade route.

Labor Day Parade Winds through Olde Towne Gaithersburg

Gaithersburg, MD (August 23, 2022) After a two year hiatus, the City of Gaithersburg and the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department celebrate the unofficial end of summer with the [84th Annual Labor Day Parade](#) on Monday, September 5, 2022, at 1 p.m. This year's Grand Marshal is Sue Palka, former FOX5 Chief Meteorologist. Alex Tsironis, also known as "Mr. MoCo" and the founder of The MoCoShow, Taste MoCo and MoCoSnow, joins the parade as Master of Ceremonies. The Labor Day Parade is sponsored by AoPS Academy, Don Jorge's Restaurant, Real Food from the Ground Up, and Compost Crew.

The parade features an assortment of high school marching bands, dance groups, costumed characters, antique cars and fire engines, equestrian units, clowns, and more, all winding their way down East Diamond and Russell Avenues. Note that participation in the Labor Day Parade by groups or organizations other than City of Gaithersburg officials, departments or committees does not constitute City of Gaithersburg endorsement. Food vendors will be located at [Olde Towne Plaza](#) and the parking lot next to the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Station.

Ample free parking is available at the Lakeforest Shopping Center transit station, with complimentary shuttle service to and from Gaithersburg Elementary School beginning at noon. Those who wish to view the parade in the shade along Russell Avenue can walk there from the transit station by way of Odend'hal Avenue. Limited free parking is available in the [Olde Towne Parking Garage](#), located at the corner of Olde Towne and South Summit Avenues. Accessible parking for those with disability placards or plates is available behind the Victor Litz store on the north side of Diamond Avenue and behind the Shell station on South Summit Avenue.

For more information, visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov or call 301-258-6350.

About the Labor Day Parade

The Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade is celebrating its 84th anniversary in 2022, making it one of the City's oldest traditions. The Gaithersburg Fire Department established a rescue squad in 1938 and that year its volunteers hosted traditional fundraising events such as dinners and dances and a Labor Day Parade. Early parades included a band competition, carnival booths and a dance. Eventually the carnival and dance aspects ceased to

be a profitable way for the department to raise money, but the volunteers did continue to sponsor the Labor Day parade until 1977, when a citizen's committee undertook the task of organizing the end-of-summer festivity. The event is now coordinated by the City of Gaithersburg Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, with continued support from the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department.